

METROPOLITAN SWIMMING, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2004

PRESENT: Mary Fleckenstein, Bea Hartigan, Mary Ann Senecal, Monique Grayson, Dave Ferris, Holger Fietkau, Kris Sawicz, Eddie Lary, Corinne Cody, George Rhein, Gil Smith, Barry Roffer and Len Galluzzi.

EXCUSED/ABSENT: Rich Finkelstein, David Ellinghaus, Carolyn Johnson, Brian Brown, Larry Collins, Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov.

1: CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, and INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm at the Flushing YMCA. Mary welcomed all members in attendance.

2: ACCEPTANCE/CORRECTIONS OF MINUTES:

Minutes of October 12, 2004: #3d: *Mary Ann Senecal made a motion that we elect appoint both candidates...* #3e: *Congratulations to Carolyn Johnson who was elected appointed as new Safety Chair. Larry Collins, Ed Kropp...* #15: *Senior and Age Group Coaches Chairs need to meet to plan the calendar for the quadrennial.*

A motion to accept the minutes of October 12, 2004, was made by George Rhein, seconded by Mary Ann Senecal, and approved by all. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3: GENERAL CHAIR: Mary Fleckenstein

- a) Swimposium: Is set for Saturday, April 30, 2005 at Asphalt Green. Thanks to Eddie Larry for arranging it all. USA Swimming will help with finalizing the schedule. Eddie gave an outline of the schedule. A line on Club Development needs to be added.
- b) Goals: All board members that did not give their written goals to Mary need to email her as soon as possible. Ultimate goals are for a 4-year plan.
- c) Conflict of Interest Statement: Letter from Sue Anderson about this. It looks like only Connecticut Swimming has its board members sign a Statement and has since 1999. Should Metro adopt one?
- d) Board of Directors insurance: Mary learned that we are already covered.

4: TREASURER'S REPORT: MaryAnn Senecal

Mary Ann presented her report from 9/1/04 – 11/05/04. Bea Hartigan made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Eddie Larry seconded the motion which was then accepted by all.

5: FINANCE CHAIR: George Rhein

- a) Computer: George assumes it's in the works.
- b) George will add a budget item under a separate line for Open Water.

6: ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR: Bea Hartigan

- a) Guidelines for Metro Delegates to Convention: We need to review what USA-Swimming does for per diem depending on where the convention is held (some sites have better selection of restaurants than others). If delegates don't attend meetings as assigned they should reimburse Metro. Rooms: if even number of male delegates (and/or female delegates), Metro should not have to pay for a private room.
- b) Proposed Penalty for Zone Team misbehavior "Violation of Code of Conduct":
 - o Proposal #1: We need to have flexibility. Progression of 5 possible penalties: barred from next event, barred from next day's events, barred from the meet, send swimmer home, barred from Zones for up to 2 years.
 - o Proposal #2: Swimmer would jeopardize his/her opportunity for Metro reimbursement of National level meet stipend.
 - o Proposal #3: OK
 - o Proposal #4: OK
 - o Proposal #5: OK
- c) One of Bea's goals is to have the Delinquency Reports available on a more timely fashion.

7: OFFICIALS CHAIR: Holger Fietkau and Kris Sawicz

- a) Letters must go out right away to people in jeopardy of loosing their certification.
- b) Procedure for hiring officials: teams may choose their own officials when hosting a meet. Long discussion followed on this subject.
- c) 2005 Joe Stetz Scholarship: 4 scholarships of \$500 each. Applications must go to Kris Sawicz. Deadline for applications is January 31, 2005. Applications will be posted on the website before Thanksgiving Day.
- d) Meet directors can find officials list and contacts on the website.

8: SENIOR CHAIR: Dave Ferris

- a) Pool rental at Nassau County Aquatic Center is exorbitant. Dave made a recommendation that Metro withdraw the bid for the Short Course Speedo Champions Series of March 2005.
- b) Gil Smith will approach Nassau County with a new proposal and will get back to Metro about this.
- c) Awards from summer Senior Mets will be ready soon.

9: AGE GROUP CHAIR: Eddie Larry

- a) Eddie presented the proposal for pool rental for JO's of February 25-27, 2005. Request for pools, rooms, timing equipment, security, 20 working pads, etc.
- b) Zone Equipment: we need to discuss vendors

10: COACHES REPRESENTATIVE: Gil Smith

There is nothing new at this time.

11: ATHLETES' REPRESENTATIVES: Ryan Emanuel and Anthony Mironov

Both Ryan and Anthony were absent.

12: ZONE TEAM COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

Zones will take place at GCIT in New Jersey.

13: REGISTRATION COORDINATOR: Barry Roffer

As of 11/9/2004: there are 4517 athletes (2696 females and 1821 males) registered for 2005, 63 non-athletes, 96 coaches, 30 officials.

Meet Recon:

Kids can't swim in a meet if they are not registered or if their registration has expired.

Meet directors and coaches must correct mistakes.

Problems with database: kids with same birthdates and same initials: ID number will look like this: 22 instead of 02 (for month of birth for February for example). We are trying to merge as many swimmers as possible.

Coaches:

**Make sure that you check swimmers' names and ID numbers on registration cards.
It must be exactly the same in your database or problems will occur.
For example: if swimmer registration card shows name as "Doe Jr., John" then team manager must be "Doe Jr., John" (not Doe, Johnny)**

Barry will send transfers to former clubs who will then have 30 days to sign and return the form to Metro.

14: NATIONAL TIMES VERIFICATION/TOP 16: Monique Grayson / Mary Ann Senecal

- a) Much better than last year. Only 6 pages of errors in the tank instead of 100 at same time last year. Registrations Recon is working well.
- b) Reminder: relay names and first leg splits must be included or the relay is deleted. Also, unattached swimmers, unregistered swimmers, and swimmers not properly transferred are not allowed on relays.

15: WEB PAGE COORDINATOR: Monique Grayson

- a) Outdated information must be removed.
- b) John has been informed of his salary increase.
- c) Information must be better organized (for example in "Zone")

16: TECHNICAL PLANNING: David Ellinghaus

David was unable to attend but gave his goals to Mary.

17: SAFETY COORDINATOR: Carolyn Johnson

Carolyn was unable to attend but she gave her goals to Mary.

18: HALL OF FAME: Len Galluzzi

There are three new names on the list of possible candidates for induction in the Metropolitan Hall of Fame: Cristina Teuscher, Ray D'Annolfo and Bill Irwin. Fifteen people will vote.

19: ADAPTIVE COORDINATOR: Corinne Cody

- a) Applications will be posted on the website in a few weeks. There was a very interesting article about Erin Popovich on the USA-Swimming website.
- b) Official's clinics should include information on Adapted Swimming.

20: SWIM-A-THON:

Rich Finkelstein was unable to attend the meeting. Questions should be addressed to Lee Lopez at USA-Swimming

21: OPEN WATER COORDINATOR: Bea Hartigan

Nothing new at this time.

22: OUTREACH COORDINATORS:

Brian Brown and Larry Collins were unable to attend.

23: OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Voting process at HOD meetings. We need to find a way to control who votes at meeting (teams have 3 votes - people voting must be registered with USA Swimming).
- b) Entry fee increase: find ways for teams to make money without raising entry fees.
- c) Meet Marshals: must be registered with USA-Swimming (rule 202.3.3). Metro recommends 2 meet marshals for a 6-lanes pool; 3 for an 8-lanes pool. Should have at least one male and one female meet marshal at each meet.
- d) West Point is charging a "per swimmer" surcharge. Barry will look into it.
- e) Invitational: should those meet announcements be posted on the website?
- f) Meet results: hard copy does not have to be mailed to each club.
- g) Mailing of Minutes: Clubs that want minutes to be mailed must let Barry know.

24: NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Food Service at Lehman College. Bea will check if we can hire an outside caterer.

<p style="text-align: center;">House of Delegates Meeting: January 12, 2005 at White Plains YWCA @ 7:00pm. Bid Meeting for Summer Meets</p>
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Next Board meeting: February 6, 2005 in between sessions at Senior Mets.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Holger Fietkau, seconded by Corinne Cody, and approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.